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TEAMS NEEDED FOR 44TH ANNUAL JAMPAIL BONSPIEL

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat is gearing up for the 44th Annual JamPail Bonspiel running Wednesday, Feb, 20 and Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at the Kinplex.

If you are looking for a family activity during Family Week, consider putting together a team for the bonspiel. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Over the years, the bonspiel has evolved into a more family-oriented event. Teams of four players can consist of neighbourhood friends or school friends, and parents now participate on the ice as well.

"Many of the parents of our current curlers played themselves when they were students," says Natalie Sauer, Events Coordinator and a former JamPail Bonspiel participant. "I believe we are now working on third generation participants."

The Wednesday session from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is for students in Grades 3 and 4. Thursday morning is for students in Grades 5 and 6, and will run from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon, depending on registrations.

No previous curling experience is required and all teams are guaranteed three games during their session.

Students from Grades 3 to 6 have participated in the JamPail Bonspiel for more than 40 years. The bonspiel started to provide students with an activity during Teacher's Convention. In the early years, tin pails used for storing jam were filled with water and frozen to use as curling rocks (hence the name JamPail Bonspiel). Teams would compete on a school by school basis with trophies to the winners.

Entry forms are sent to all elementary schools in the district, including Redcliff and Seven Persons. Entry forms and additional information are also on the City's website www.medicinehat.ca.

Please contact Robbie Fairhurst at 526-3528 if you are interested in volunteering during the bonspiel.

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